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1. MOSCOW LITERARY WEEKLY LITERATURNAYA GAZETA  
(JULY 5) CARRIES A AOMMENTARY BY VITALIY KOBYSH CASTI-  
GATING NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL ADVISOR HUNTINGTON  
FOR REPORTEDLY RECOMMENDING AT A RECENT WEST POINT  
CONFERENCE THAT U.S. TRADE WITH THE SOVIET UNION BE  
USED AS A MEANS OF INFLUENCING SOVIET MILITARY AND  
ECONOMIC POLICY. HUNTINGTON IS ACCUSED OF  
SUGGESTING THAT TRADE BE ADJUSTED UPWARD OR DOWNWARD  
DEPENDING ON THE READINESS OF THE SOVIETS TO COOPERATE  
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WITH THE U.S., WHETHER IN ANGOLA OR THE SALT NEGOTIA-  
TIONS. AT THE OUTSET OF THE COMMENTARY, ENTITLED  
"THE KNOUT OR THE CAKE OF S. HUNTINGTON," THE NSC  
ADVISOR IS DESCRIBED AS ONE OF A CHORUS OF U.S.  
ADHERENTS OF A HARD LINE TOWARDS THE SOVIET UNION AND  
ONE WITH CLOSE TIES TO PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR BRZEZINSKI.

2. AFTER BRIEFLY DESCRIBING WASHINGTON POST ACCOUNT OF HUNTINGTON'S PRESENTATION, KOBYSH POINTS TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S RECENT PRESS CONFERENCE STATEMENT INDICATING U.S. INTEREST IN EXPANDING TRADE, AND RHETORICALLY ASKS WHETHER THE RIGHT HAND KNOWS WHAT THE LEFT IS DOING. KOBYSH CONTINUES THAT IT WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY TO PAY ATTENTION TO HUNTINGTON'S PRESENTATION BUT FOR TWO CIRCUMSTANCES. FIRST, HUNTINGTON EXPRESSES THE VIEW OF AN ENTIRE GROUP OF AMERICAN ACCIVISTS WHO EXERT A VERY SERIOUS INFLUENCE ON AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY. SECOND, SOME IN THE U.S. WOULD APPLY HUNTINGTON'S "KNOUT" OR "CAKE" APPROACH ON TRADE TO A WIDER RANGE OF U.S.-SOVIET ACTIVITY. IN THIS CONTEXT KOBYSH RECALLS THE ARGUMENT OF SOME IN THE U.S. THAT THE SALT AGREEMENT SHOULD NOT BE SIGNED UNTIL THE SOVIETS MAKE CONCESSIONS IN THIS OR THAT AREA.

3. THE LIT GAZ COMMENTATOR GOES ON TO COMPLAIN THAT IT IS DIFFICULT TO REASON WITH "CONSULTANTS OF THE S. HUNTINGTON TYPE." THEIR ASSUMPTION SEEMS TO BE THAT THERE IS ONLY ONE SIDE WHICH BENEFITS FROM TRADE OR NEGOTIATIONS LIKE SALT. WHEREAS IN FACT TRADE NOT ONLY SERVES AMERICANS BY PROVIDING ORDERS FOR ITS INDUSTRY AND WORK FOR ITS LABOR BUT IS A BAROMETER OF THE GENERAL STATE OF RELATIONS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES. TRADE CREATES A CLIMATE OF COOPERATION AND CONTRIBUTES TO THE STRENGTHENING OF DETENTE. "WHOEVER ENCROACHES ON IT," AS FOR EXAMPLE WAS DONE WITH THE JACKSON-VANIK AMENDMENT, THREATENS THE GENERAL STATE OF BILATERAL RELATIONS. KOBYSH CONCLUDES WITH THE STATEMENT THAT HUNTINGTON'S CALL (FOR USING TRADE AS A LEVER IN BILATERAL RELATIONS) HAS NOT CONTRIBUTED TO A GROWTH OF CONFIDENCE IN U.S. POLICY EITHER ABROAD OR WITHIN THE U.S. ITSELF. REFERRING TO A HARRIS POLL, KOBYSH ALLEGES THAT 62 PERCENT OF AMERICANS OPPOSE THE PRESENT ATTITUDE OF THE ADMINISTRATION TOWARDS SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS.

4. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE LIT GAZ PIECE IS FIRST REFERENCE IN SOVIET PRESS TO HUNTINGTON'S PRESENTATION AT WEST POINT AS REPORTED BY THE POST. THE ARGUMENTATION ON SOVIET TERMS IS UNEXCEPTIONAL. WE HAVE HEARD RECENTLY THAT KOBYSH MAY BE HEADING A SUBSECTION RESPONSIBLE FOR U.S. AFFAIRS IN THE INTERNATIONAL INFORMATION SECTION OF THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE, HEADED BY ZAMYATIN. IF SO, THE REBUTTAL HE OFFERS

TO DR. HUNTINGTON IS OF A HIGHER AUTHORITY THAN ITS PLACEMENT IN THE WEEKLY LIT GAZ WOULD SUGGEST.

5. SINCE U.S. TECHNOLOGY CAN HAVE AN IMPACT ON SOVIET ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, PARTICULARLY IN AREAS WHERE THERE IS NO READILY AVAILABLE EUROPEAN OR JAPANESE SUBSTITUTE, SOVIET CONCERN ABOUT THE VIEWS ATTRIBUTED TO HUNTINGTON IS OBVIOUS AND PREDICTABLE. CURIOUSLY, MORE AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN HAVE ASKED US ABOUT THE SPEECH SO FAR THAN SOVIET OFFICIALS, ALTHOUGH THE LATTER MAY HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR THEIR CUE. TOON

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